

FERTILISING NEW TURF

SITE PREPARATION

- Before you start preparing the soil on the site of a new lawn, it will be necessary to first remove any old grass and/or weeds. This can be done either by hand or with a non-residual herbicide like Roundup or Zero Weed Spray. When used according to directions, these products will kill the existing grass.
- Remember to wear suitable protective clothing and take care not to spray near gardens or allow the spray to drift onto them.

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Once site preparation is complete, before laying new lawn apply:

- Humus400 soil conditioner 250g/sqm
- Eco-Prime NPK controlled release fertiliser 75g/sqm *repeat in 3weeks then apply seasonally 100g/sqm or as required*

Water in well before laying new turf, as per Installation Guide instructions.

NEW TURF MAINTENANCE

- Eco-Wet should be applied as required -water repellency is a major cause of turf loss. Apply 500ml/100sqm
- Eco-Vital foliar soil drench 200ml/100sqm will reduce lawn stress and burning especially when lawn is recovering after first cut.

SEASONAL FERTILISER MAINTENANCE

The **most important times to feed lawns are spring and autumn** at the rate of 100gms (1/2 cup) per square metre. Fertiliser applied in early spring will help the lawn recover quickly from winter dormancy and resist the establishment of summer weeds. Fertiliser applied in Autumn will maintain growth and colour well into winter. **Excessive watering leeches nutrients too quickly and the lawn may lose colour in summer.** If needed summer fertilising can be applied at the rate of 50gms (1/4 cup) per square metre. Fertiliser should always be applied when the leaf of the lawn is quite dry and watered in immediately. Avoid fertilising on very hot days.

If lawns are overfed they become too lush, promoting disease and other problems. They also need more frequent mowing. Care must be taken